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Application No.: 10/756,986 First Named Applicant: Shirish Phatak
 Examiner: Luke S. Wassum Art Unit: 2167 Status of Application: Final Rejection

Tentative Participants:

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 (3) Davy Zoneraich, Esq. (4) _____

Proposed Date of Interview: 1/19/06 Proposed Time: 2:00 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc.)	Claims / Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Section 103</u>	<u>Claims 1,15</u> (Fig. 1)	<u>Stiles</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>Section 103</u>	<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>Barbara, McClain</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) <u>Section 103</u>	<u>Claims 17,18</u>	<u>Stiles, Rao</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

See attached

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

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§ 103 Rejection of independent claims 1 and 15

Stiles does not teach method and system for providing shared access to data files using a storage cache that is "for associating with at a plurality of first authorized computer workstations." The "client cache" in Stiles exists for each client, in other words, each client has its own client cache which serves as the client's memory, such that the Stiles client cache is not the same as the claimed "storage cache". Nowhere does Stiles teach or suggest that a client cache is for associating with a plurality of workstations, so as to provide an interface between the plurality of workstations and the file server via the cache server.

In summary, the Stiles client cache does not, and cannot, maintain a current version of a cached data file therein, based on data file modifications entered by any one of a plurality of associated clients (workstations), because only a single client can be associated with the client cache in Stiles.

§ 103 Rejection of independent claim 11

See above arguments concerning requirements for the claimed storage cache, which are not taught or suggested in the cited references. In particular, Barbara *et al.* does not teach the storage cache, as claimed.

§ 103 Rejection of independent claims 17 and 18

See above arguments concerning requirements for the claimed storage cache and distinguishing Stiles. Also, the "atomic" read privileges in Rao *et al.* are not the same as the claimed reader rights. Reader rights according to the claimed invention do not require "waiting", *i.e.*, there is an immediate right to view a file. (See application, pg. 10). In contrast, the atomic read rights of Rao *et al.* require a "wait" (see Rao *et al.*, Col. 15, ln. 51-55).